Looking to Buy a Home?

Neighborhoods, Inc. has been Lincoln's champion for healthy neighborhoods for almost 20 years. Located in the historic Carnegie Library Building at 2121 N. 27th, Neighborhoods, Inc. offers a variety of programs to promote homeownership and revitalize neighborhoods.

The First Home Program is a 0% second mortgage specifically designed for the first time homebuyer to assist with closing costs, down payment and rehabilitation.

The citywide program allows for up to \$25,000, with the amount determined by the location within the city. In order to qualify, residents must fall within certain income guidelines. A single person must earn less than the \$35,600 gross income cap. A family of two can make \$40,700. The amount increases to \$45,800 for a three-person household, \$50,900 for a family of four, and up to \$67,150 for eight.

In addition to the income parameters, applicants must participate in 12 hours of Home Buyer Education Classes. The classes, which meet weekly from 7-10 p.m., are offered monthly on rotating days. A series of daytime group classes were offered for the first time in June and will be offered again in the future as need arises.

In the past year, Neighborhoods, Inc. assisted approximately 50 families who used the First Home Program. For further information call 477-7181 or visit the website at www.neighborhoodsinc.org.

The Witherbee Neighborhood has some great homes For Sale. Take a look around.

Everyone's invited to:

Neighborhoods, Inc. Annual Meeting Thursday, September 23rd 5-7 p.m. Lincoln Firefighters Hall - 241 Victory Lane

Food, entertainment and special presentation about Free to Grow. *Please Join Us!*



Neighborhood Cleanup Update

We had good weather and a great time, lots of doughnuts and juice. At least 17 residents volunteered for the cleanup with over 50 contributing to the collection of rubbish and recyclable materials. Participants volunteered over 120 hours. Doughnuts and juice were donated by various people and FM Lawn Care, Inc., donated the use of three trucks and trailers to haul items from residents that were unable to do it themselves

We filled three roll offs with rubbish for a total of 13,480 lbs. and one with metal to be recycled with 4,480 lbs. The cost of hauling done by Ron's Roll-Offs at a reduced rate of \$225.00 as well as, the landfill fee of \$114.58 were covered by a grant from Keep Lincoln Beautiful program. Eight coupons for free brush disposal were handed out during the cleanup.

Tires, computers and car batteries added to the list of recyclable items. We received a check for \$89.60 for the metal taken to Alter Scrap. We had \$101.70 profit from donations and monies remaining after disposing of computers, batteries and tires. We will receive a check of \$100.00 for a Mini Grant Cleanup that was for picking up litter along the public right of way of streets, alleys and in parks. About one third of our neighborhood was covered during this activity. In the end we have a profit of \$291.30 from the cleanup.

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